

3. (Amended) Instrument according to Claim 1 [or 2],
characterized in that a handpiece is provided in which [said] a drive unit is accommodated.

4. (Amended) Instrument according to [any of the Claims 1 to 3] Claim 1,
characterized in that [a rotating inner blade and] a stationary [outer] blade [are] is provided outside the rotating blade.

5. (Amended) Instrument according to Claim 4,
characterized in that the gap between said [inner] stationary blade and said [outer] rotating blade constitutes the irrigation passage.

6. (Amended) Instrument according to Claim [4] 1,
characterized in that said irrigation passage is disposed in the instrument[s] in a non-symmetrical arrangement.

7. (Amended) Instrument according to Claim [6] 5,
characterized in that said irrigation passage is disposed on said outer blade.

8. (Amended) Instrument according to [any of the Claims 1 to 4] Claim 1,
characterized in that a hollow shaft is provided into which said blade and the tube attached thereto are inserted so as to form said irrigation passage between said tube and said shaft.

8 10. (Amended) Instrument according to Claim 8 [or 9],
characterized in that said hollow shaft is [detachable] detachably fastened on said handpiece.

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11. (Amended) Instrument according to [any of the Claims 1 to 10] Claim 1,
characterized in that the irrigation liquid passed through said irrigation passage
is exhausted through said suction passage without entering the body cavity into
which the instrument is introduced.

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12. (Amended) Instrument according to [any of the Claims 1 to 11] Claim 1,
characterized in that said suction passage is flared from the distal towards the
proximal end.

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13. (Amended) Instrument according to [any of the Claims 1 to 12] Claim 8,
characterized in that [the abrasive or] a cutting region is provided laterally on
said blade, and that [the] a face of said hollow shaft extends obliquely along the
direction of [the] a longitudinal axis.

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14. (Amended) Instrument according to Claim [13] 1,
characterized in that [the] a discharge opening for the irrigation liquid is so
designed that at least [the] a bulk volume of the irrigation liquid is discharged in
[the] a region which does not serve for [abrasion or] cutting.

15. (Amended) Instrument according to [any of the Claims 1 to 14] Claim 1,
characterized [in that the] by providing [proximally] proximal [provided]
connectors for said suction and irrigation passages [are coaxially designed].

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16. (Amended) Instrument according to [any of the Claims 1 to 14] Claim 15,
characterized in that the proximally provided connectors for said suction and
irrigation passages are configured to be adjacent to each other.